

**REMARKS**

The Official Action dated has been carefully considered. Accordingly, the changes presented herewith, taken with the following remarks, are believed sufficient to place the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for renumbering the claims, as noted in the Office Action. The claim amendments herein are based upon the renumbered claims (e.g., claim 21 corresponds to original claim 20). The dependency of claim 21 has been amended to reflect the renumbering of the claims. It is believed that the amendment of claim 21 in this manner overcomes the Examiner's rejection of that claim under 37 CFR § 1.75(c).

Claim 10 has been amended to specify that the bearing includes an inner race and an outer race. Support for this amendment may be found, for example, in paragraph 40 of the specification as filed. It is believed that this amendment overcomes the Examiner's rejection of claims 10-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 8-10, 15-19 and 21-25 as being obvious over a variety of references. Claims 4-7 and 11-14 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.<sup>1</sup> In light of this, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of original

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<sup>1</sup> Although claim 20 was not indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form, the Office Action did not reject claim 20 on the basis of any prior art. Since claim 20 was similar to original claim 4, which was indicated as being allowable, Applicant respectfully believes that the Examiner intended to indicate that claim 20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

claims 3 and 4, which have now been canceled. In addition, the dependency of claims 5-7 has been amended to reflect the cancellation of claim 4.

Although original claim 4 depended from claims 2 and 3, the limitations of claim 2 have not been incorporated into claim 1, as amended herein. However, it is believed that the patentability of original claim 4 over the cited references was not dependent upon the limitations introduced by claim 2. Therefore, Applicant respectfully believes that claim 1, as amended herein, is patentable over the prior art of record. In particular, none of the cited references disclose or suggest a roller insert wherein the tip portion of the axle includes a threaded bore and a hollow end cap having a threaded shaft in its interior such that the end cap is threadingly secured on the cylindrical tip portion by threading engagement of the threaded shaft and the threaded bore. Therefore, claim 1, and those claims depending therefrom, is believed to be in allowable form.

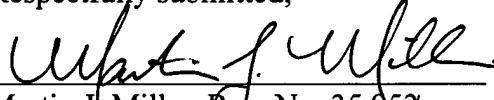
Claim 15 has been amended in the same manner as claim 1, and claim 17 has therefore been canceled. Claim 15, as well as those claims depending therefrom, is believed to be allowable for the same reasons as with respect to claim 1.

Finally, claim 19 has been amended so as to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 20 (which has accordingly been canceled). Although claim 20 was not indicated as being allowable in the Office Action, no basis for rejection of claim 20 was indicated. In light of this, and since claim 20 is similar to original claim 4 (which was indicated as being allowable), claim 19 as amended, as well as those claims depending therefrom, is believed to now be allowable.

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It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the outstanding Office Action, and places the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and an early allowance are requested.

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